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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

1. The House of Representatives extended the continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 1972 to not later than 15 November thus extending the funding for the Radios to that date. I am advised by Ralph Preston that at least an additional extension to 15 December will be required since the Defense Appropriations bill cannot possibly clear the House and Senate by 15 November.

2. The House Foreign Affairs Committee reported S. 18 as amended on 30 September and it is now pending awaiting a rule before the Rules Committee of the House. S. 18 as now amended by House Foreign Affairs authorizes the creation of a commission to evaluate international broadcasting and related activities of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (to expire on 1 July 1973) and would authorize funding through the commission for the Radios. Conversation with Jack Leahy, State Department, Congressional Relations, indicates that the Department is hopeful that the provisions of this bill as amended will meet Senator Fulbright's (D., Ark.) objections. Time is still an important factor because the bill must get through the House, be considered by Senate Foreign Relations, pass the Senate and then according to Preston be followed by a separate appropriations bill which would need to clear through the two Houses to provide the funding for the new commission.



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